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The Honorable Eni F. H. Faleomavaega Chairman, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment U.S. House of Representatives 2422 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Faleomavaega:

After seeing you under such pleasant and enjoyable circumstances last Saturday, I hardly expected to be writing to you today to offer my deep condolences.

When I heard of the tragic events in American Samoa and the devastation wrought by the tsunami, I was deeply saddened and my thoughts immediately turned to you and the safety of your friends and family.

In times such as these, it is important for friends to stand together, and I want to let you know that the Korean people stand with you in bereavement as we mourn together the losses of the loved ones. We support you as you bring comfort to the communities and families affected by this tragedy. Though this is indeed a terrible tragedy, I am confident that the people of American Samoa will always honor and cherish the memories of those who passed away, keeping their presence in their hearts.

My dear friend, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Sincerely.

Han, Duk-soo

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